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10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT			
11	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA			
12	SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION			
13	E. K. WADE,	No. C 05-4960 CRB		
14 5	Plaintiff, v.	 [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE FOR 		
16 17	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM,	 FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM, AND FOR RULING WITHOUT HEARING UNDER CIVIL LOCAL RULE 7-1(b) 		
18	Defendants.)		
19		Date: March 10, 2006 Time: 10:00 a.m.		
20		Place: Courtroom 8, 19th Floor Before: Honorable Charles R. Breyer		
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For good cause shown, the Court hereby grants the motion and dismisses this action parties for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

An FTCA lawsuit <u>must</u> be preceded by a timely administrative claim with the appropriate federal agency. 28 U.S.C. § 2675(a). The claim requirement is jurisdictional and may not be waived. <u>Burns v. United States</u>, 764 F.2d 722, 723 (9th Cir. 1985). The statute requires complete exhaustion of administrative remedies before an action may be instituted in the district court. <u>McNeil v. United States</u>, 508 U.S. 106 (1993). Even when an action is prematurely instituted, a court <u>cannot</u> retain jurisdiction until the administrative remedies are exhausted. <u>Jerves v. United States</u>, 966 F.2d 517, 521 (9th Cir. 1992).

Here, plaintiff E. K. Wade did not file his administrative claim with the Federal Defendant until October 31, 2005. Under the FTCA, the government has a minimum of six months to act on Mr. Wade's claim. Therefore, Mr. Wade has not exhausted administrative remedies at this point.

The dismissal is without prejudice.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 15, 2006

Hon. CHARLES R. BREYER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is an employee of the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California and is a person of such age and discretion to be competent to serve papers. The undersigned further certifies that on **February 3, 2006** she caused a copy of:

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM, AND FOR RULING WITHOUT HEARING UNDER CIVIL LOCAL RULE 7-1(b)

to be served by mail upon the person at the place and address(es) stated below, which is the last known address:

E. K. Wade 522 North Civic Drive, Apt. D Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: February 3, 2006

BOMNY WONG Legal Assistant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WADE,

Case Number: CV05-04960 CRB

Plaintiff,

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

v.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA et al.

Defendant.	

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on February 15, 2006, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: February 15, 2006

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk By: Barbara Espinoza, Deputy Clerk